

subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30 lakhs.

5. Growth centres and IIDCs become tax free zones for income tax and excise duty for a period of ten years. Certain high growth potential industries have also been given tax free status irrespective of the location in the North East.
6. An interest subsidy of 3% on the working capital loans would be provided for a period of ten years after the commencement of production.
7. Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for new industrial units has been put in place.

Financial Crisis in CCI unit in Adilabad

2385. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cement Corporation of India unit in Adilabad is in deep financial crisis;

(b) whether the company defaulted in payment of salaries to the employees for the last several months; and

(c) if so, the financial assistance proposed to start production in the company and make the unit viable?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) CCI has been facing acute liquidity problems and consequently the Company is not able to make payment of salaries and wages to the employees in time. The salary & wages have been paid to the employees of CCI including Adilabad Unit upto April, 2000.

(c) CCI has been under reference to BIFR. The BIFR has been considering the feasibility of revival of the Company. BIFR has not finalised the revival package so far.